

In the Claims:

- 1-7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) A host device comprising the system board of claim 13.
9. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.
10. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.
- 11-12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) A system board comprising:
- (a) a connector that includes:
- (i) a first USB port situated at an exterior edge of the system board and facing outward from said exterior edge, and
- (ii) a second USB port, substantially functionally identical to said first USB port and facing inward to an interior of the system board; and
- (b) a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port and configured to be directly operationally connected only to said inward-facing port.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The system board of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device is electrically connected to the system board only via said inward-facing port.

19-22. (Canceled)